

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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In April, this Board instructed the Department of Health Services to conduct an audit of all physician services contracts at King/Drew Medical Center. We received the report from the Department, which found problems with the management and oversight of physician contracting at the hospital. There were instances of physicians who were given contracts while still employed by the County and managers who were unaware of basic contract requirements and failed to manage the contract workers.

While this is not surprising, given what we have learned about the management problems at King/Drew, it is of great concern that the public's resources are being so carelessly managed. Not only did the physicians not understand the terms of the contracts they were responsible for, but they also failed to exhibit basic knowledge about how to manage staff and workflow.

The Department must ensure that these problems are corrected and reforms put into place to prevent them from occurring again in the future.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board instruct the Director of Health Services, in consultation with the Chief Administrative Officer, to report back at the August 30, 2005 Board meeting on the reforms that have been put in place to ensure proper management of all County physician contracts, including basic contract management, as well as clarification of general management oversight responsibilities and clarification of clinical and academic responsibilities for physicians.

I, FURTHER, MOVE TO instruct the Auditor-Controller to work with the Department of Health Services to conduct a follow-up audit of physician contracting and management practices at King/Drew Medical Center and report back to the Board on the progress of implementing of these reforms within 90 days.

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